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SUBJECT: GOC'S AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA OPENS MOUTH, INSERTS FOOT PRESIDENT BACHELET UNHAPPY HE REVEALS SHE FAVORED CARACAS IN UNSC VOTE

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Classified By: Charge Emi Yamauchi for reasons 1.5 (b and d).

Summary

1. (C) Chile's Ambassador to Venezuela, Claudio Huepe, in a March 12 Caracas television interview, said President Bachelet had privately told

Brain Infarction

2. (U) Huepe's interview with Venezuela's "'Telesur"' was front page news in Chile's leading dailies March 14. It also aired on nationwide Ch

3. (U) Huepe continued that he had spoken with Bachelet in January 2007 and had raised with her his comments of July 2006, when Huepe had note

4.(U) Government spokesman Ricardo Lagos Weber issued a statement late March 13 categorically rejecting Huepe's comments, noting that the presid

Bachelet Peeved

5. (C) Poloff spoke March 14 with Tomas Jocelyn-Holt, former International Affairs Secretary for the Christian Democrats. Jocelyn-Holt had ha

6. (C) Jocelyn-Holt said the DC has already told Foxley they don't want another of their own named to Venezuela, assuming Huepe actually is re

7. (C) Jocelyn-Holt speculated that Huepe was trying to improve his access to Chavez' circle by playing "'good cop,'" showing sympathy for Ver

Comment

8. (C) Huepe's public revelations are consistent with ours and others' views that Bachelet truly favored a vote for Venezuela and abstained or
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